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INVENTION:

METHOD, ARRANGEMENT AND SET OF A

PLURALITY OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELIMINATING AT LEAST ONE INCONSISTENCY IN A DATABASE COLLECTION CONTAINING A DATABASE AND AT LEAST ONE COPY DATABASE OF THE DATABASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A PRIOR TO ACTION

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Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States Examination Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On page 50:

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

Please replace original claims 1-23 with the following rewritten claims 1-23, referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

SUB BIT

1. (Amended) A method for a computer-aided elimination of at least one inconsistency in a database collection containing a database and at least one copy database of the database, comprising the steps of:

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changing said database or said at least one copy database, thereby producing an inconsistency;

allocating at least some operations which create an inconsistency to defined

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT